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*The Children in the Shadow.* By ERNEST K. COULTER. New York: McBride, Nast & Co., 1913. Pp. xvii+277.

This book consists of a series of intimate sketches of the children who come before the Children's Court of New York County, and of the conditions which are at the bottom of their difficulties. The author writes with the wide knowledge of one who, as clerk of this court for ten years, has seen approximately 100,000 such young unfortunates pass before him. As the founder of the Big Brother Movement he has been in close touch with a significant attempt to prevent these juvenile tragedies; in chap. xiii a brief account of this movement is given.

The book is anecdotal rather than statistical in its treatment; it emphasizes the social conditions lying back of juvenile misfortune and delinquency, and contains a strong indictment of unrestricted and undistributed immigration, of tenement-house conditions and industries, and of the delinquent parent, of which the following very brief citations will afford a hint: "More than half of the children who come into the Children's Court of New York County, each year, are there through the thwarted desire for play" (p. 64); "It is the kindest thing that happens to some children to get arrested" (p. 85); "There is nothing cheap in many of the tenements except human life. Light, air, water, heat, the elemental things, cost blood-money" (p. 88); "The proper housing of one human being is a greater help to the community than the monumental housing of a ton of books."

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*The Other Side of Socialism.* Modern Socialism as Defined by Its Founders and Chief Promoters, versus the Bible, Human Experience and Common Sense. By T. O. TOLO. Minneapolis: Augsburg Publishing House, 1914. Pp. 164. \$0.50 net.

This little book is a severe arraignment of the socialistic attitude toward the Christian religion. The author presents the socialist attitude in the words of the socialists themselves, quoting from socialist authorities, leaders, literature, and official proceedings. The book is not and does not pretend to be a scientific treatise. It is more adaptable to the lay reader. Its value lies in the mass of citations given. One is overwhelmed with them. Each reference is marked and the book is indexed. However, the little volume is so wretchedly bound as to be mean in appearance.

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